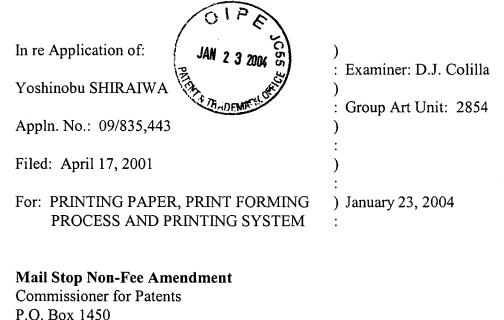
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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the listed documents is also enclosed. Applicant has obtained an English language abstract for the non-English patent document and attached it to the copy. Also enclosed is a European Search Report from a counterpart application citing the listed documents.

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A non-final Office Action was mailed on October 23, 2003. In accordance with 3 EC.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2), enclosed is a check for the fee of \$180.00 for this Information Disclosure attement. Please charge any additional fee required, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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